

Whittier -Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA -39th) today participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Whittier Public Library "Learning Village." In February, Sánchez secured \$300,000 to pay for this project in the FY 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

"I am thrilled to have secured this funding for the Whittier Public Library and delighted to be a part of today's ribbon cutting ceremony. The Learning Village will provide Whittier area children and families with access to knowledgeable staff, tutors, technology, and computer training," said Congresswoman Linda Sánchez.

The "Learning Village" is a fully functional state-of-the-art homework center for grades K-12 and a family literacy program to address the needs of families in Whittier and the surrounding area. The center includes 10 computer workstations, 4 laptops, Internet access, and new printers.

"It is critical that we provide our children with the tools and resources they need to get a quality education. And this learning center will bring us one step closer to that reality," continued Sánchez.

Whittier area students will be well served by the new facility. The homework center will serve students from two elementary schools districts; one unified high school district, and several private elementary and high schools. The total student population serviced by the Whittier Public Library is approximately 42,881.

"I will continue working in Congress to bring home federal funding for our communities and families," concluded Sánchez.